

REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

A communication system ~~comprises~~ includes first ~~(12)~~ and second ~~(14)~~ beacon devices capable of wireless message transmission and at least one portable client device ~~(15)~~ capable of receiving such message transmissions. The client device ~~(15)~~ is arranged to broadcast an inquiry message according to a first communication protocol, such as Bluetooth. The first beacon ~~(12)~~ detects such inquiry messages and replies with an inquiry response containing an identifier for the second beacon ~~(14)~~, enabling the second beacon ~~(14)~~ and client device ~~(15)~~ to perform a service interaction. In an alternative embodiment ~~(Fig. 4)~~ receipt of the inquiry message is notified to the second beacon ~~(14)~~ which then sends the inquiry response to the client device ~~(15)~~.

~~(Figure 3)~~